

# S W A N P O O L LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Based on a design by Carly Anne Swann

# Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 3.45pm at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

**Present:** MB: Malcolm Brain (Chair)

2 Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

DY: David Yelland, Falmouth Bay Residents' Association

PL: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee

**DM:** Donald Martin, Environment Services - Cornwall Council

**GT:** Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden **AB:** Andy Bates, Falmouth Model Boat Club

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin

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	The minutes from the 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2009 meeting were formally approved.	
	Matters Arising	
	Number of discrepancies highlighted by the group DM to amend and re-circulate	DM
	PL reported there had still been no response from BT. All correspondence between Eco-Islands and the forum had been passed to BT detailing the issues to-date.	
	DM highlighted concern over officer resource and confirmed that it had been agreed that a new officer would be attending the meetings. As a representative from the Countryside Service they would be better placed to help resolve issues concerning the pool.	
3	Nature Awareness Day: Removed	
4	Finances/Funding Report	
	PL tabled the forums current budget	
	Balance as of September 09 totalled £1,278.78	
	The fireworks display had raised a total of £391.75 a significant decrease on earlier events. Both the Three Mackerel and The Swanpool Beach had made a loss on the night and will therefore not be having a fireworks display on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2010.	
	Additional income currently stands at approximately £100 per month and by March 2010 total budget should have increased by further £4-500	

MB Highlighted an Official thank you from the Forum to both PL and the Three Mackerel for nominating the Swanpool Nature Reserve as their chosen charity for the event.

PL subject to a change in circumstance and support from new Three Mackerel owners there may be a possibility that firework events would continue next year, the SNR would be nominated as next years beneficiary.

### 5 Site Update

All correspondence between Eco-Islands and the forum had been passed to BT detailing the issues to-date. It was agreed that in view of the lack of positive response from BT, PL would now contact Eco-Islands direct to arrange and agree works to resolve the problems on the island.

## 6 Fishing

PL as unrestricted Leaseholder he would be responsible for enacting an appropriate byelaw. PL had asked his solicitors to begin research into the possibility of creating a no-fishing byelaw for the pool, Beth Tonkin had been approached as a result. MB stated that any Byelaw should be issued by the Forum and not PL in isolation, this would ensure that any recrimination or confrontation would be directed toward the Forum and not PL direct.

AB highlighted that fisherman had said that tackle was being washed into the pool from the sea through the culvert and that those who fished from the pool were extremely careful and did not leave hooks or line. It was agreed by the forum that this is highly unlikely.

PL detailed that the poorly cygnet had been taken by the RSPB to a local wildfowl reserve.

MB suggested that any move to create a byelaw should be backed up with positive press releases and pictures to highlight the dangers that abandoned fishing tackle and hooks posed to local wildlife.

#### 7 AOB

PL suggested that the forum should hold an AGM this year. This could be part of in addition to a normal business meeting highlighting progress on fishing issues and the Eco Island work.

#### 8 Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting

Agreed that next meeting, incorporating the 2009 AGM, should be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> 15.45 at the Swanpool shed.